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resumed the production of war materials about the beginning of August 1951 (sic), having shifted to the manufacture of tractors, typewriters, and kitchen utensils in 1945.* Planned production was set initially at 100 light weapons daily, but it is intended to be expanded to 2,000 carbines and 200 light machine guns daily. These weapons are for the time being delivered to works militia detachments in such industrial centers as Pilsen, Zlin, and Ostrava.

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- 2. According to the Arms Factory Brno has changed from the production of Zetor tractors to that of caterpillar tractors which are intended especially for military purposes.
- 3. At Brno as well as at other arms factories, large orders have been received for 7.62 caliber machine guns for Chinese formations in Korea. In behalf of China, an offer has also been invited for about 100,000 automatic rifles.

25X1A Comment: Production in 1950 of submachine guns at Zbrojovka (Arms Factory) Brao has been reported previously.

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